

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 18th 2004

Limerick Radio Club and IRTS AGM

The Limerick Radio Club would like to remind all listeners that their annual Radio and Electronics Fair will be held in the Greenhills Hotel Limerick in conjunction with the AGM of the IRTS over the weekend of 6/7th March 2004.

There will be an official IRTS dinner on the Saturday evening at 20.00 Hrs followed by the Rally and AGM on the Sunday.

Tickets will be available shortly and supply is limited. The cost of the dinner is €37.00 per person. These will be available shortly from Paul EI6FE. The club would appreciate that all those attending the dinner will make their intention known before February 9th. Please note that if tickets have not been purchased in advance, entry cannot be guaranteed. To ensure a place please book now.

Rooms in the hotel are also in demand and a number have been blocked booked by the club. To reserve a room contact the hotel on 061 453033. A special rate of €55 B&B PPS has been agreed, while single occupancy is €75 B&B. Remember to mention LRC when making your reservation. There are numerous B&B's close to the hotel and their details will be published on their web site soon.

To-date Long Communications, Southeast Communications, Icom UK, Linear Amp UK and Yaesu UK have confirmed their attendance.

There are several others in the pipeline and details will be released shortly. As usual there will be an abundance of amateur and commercial radio equipment on display.

A good night is envisaged and the club is looking forward to seeing you all there. Further information will be available early in January. Please feel free to check out the LRC web site on www.qsl.net/ei4lrc For any information please contact Paul EI6FE QTHR.

Enniskillen Amateur Radio Show

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club hosts the 23rd Enniskillen Amateur Radio Show in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh on Sunday the 25th of April 2004. Doors open at 12.00 noon.

Car parking facilities and food will be available. Admission is £3.00, which includes free ticket for the Raffle with valuable prizes. A 'Bring & Buy' stand is available with no fee. The rally will feature Amateur Radio, Electronics, Computers, traders big and small, equipment, accessories, components, new surplus and second-hand. The traditional large attendance is expected from all over Ireland, north and south. For more information contact Herbie GI6JPO at QTHR.

Shannon Basin Radio Club Challenge

The Shannon Basin Radio Club would like to thank all that took part in the open Radio challenge. The results will be published in Echo Ireland in the near future.

South Dublin Radio Club

SDR members were delighted recently to welcome to their club night a visitor, Chris LX1KC, who was on holidays in Ireland with his XYL. Chris is a well-known "big signal" on 40 metres SSB, and has had many QSO's with EI's. Chris was able to personally deliver his QSL cards to SDR members he had been in contact with.

16 members of South Dublin Radio Club were guests of Dublin Port Radio on Tuesday the 13th of January. They were shown the radio and radar equipment that is used to control shipping in the Dublin Port and Dublin Bay area. The SDR members found it interesting to see radio being used in a very different way to amateur radio. Dublin Port Radio helps to keep the shipping lanes in the approach to Dublin safe, requiring a high level of vigilance and professionalism on the part of the staff.

Pictures of both of these events can be seen on the SDR web site, which is at www.qsl.net/ei2sdr

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club takes place on Tuesday the 24th of February, at 8.00 p.m. in the club's QTH at Marian Road, Rathfarnham. All members are requested to attend.

The club would like to remind radio experimenters that SDR Spring Challenge time has come around again: The "challenge" is to work as many DXCC countries on as many HF bands as possible during the month of February. Full rules are available on the club's web site www.qsl.net/ei2sdr (or see page 18 of the 2003 IRTS yearbook).

Glengormley Electronics and Amateur Radio Society After the success of last year's event, GEARS are once again running an Inter Club Quiz Challenge, for the GEARS Perpetual Trophy. The event will take place on Friday the 27th of February 2004 at 8

p.m. in the club premises, Knockagh Lodge, Greenisland. Directions are available on www.knockaghlodge.com and it is hoped that last year's winners, the South Dublin Radio Club will be returning to defend their title. A cordial invitation is extended to all, whether members of clubs or not to enter a team for the event - all are welcome including YL's and XYL's.

Last year six clubs were represented, and this year the club would like to see representation from the rest of the clubs in GI and EI, as well as those who supported last year's event. Further information can be obtained from any club member, or by e-mail to info@gn0xyz.com.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

MREN will activate a special event station from Mayo to commemorate Irelands upcoming Presidency of the European Union. The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network will operate the special event station EI0EU until the end of June. The station will be active on all bands and a full program of events will be announced after the clubs January meeting.

North Dublin Radio Club AGM 2004

The Club's AGM will be held on Saturday January the 31st at Chanel College, Coolock commencing at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

On Saturday January the 24th a Slideshow and talk will be presented by Peadar Slattery EI2JA entitled "From the Irish Sea - To The Yellow Sea". The background historic story of the events leading to "Americas Father of Radio" Lee de Forest coming to Dublin in 1903 and demonstrating his Wireless Telegraphy system, operating from The Martello Tower at Howth as reported in the last issue of Echo Ireland.

Peadar, in researching this event uncovered a remarkable connection between the transmitters used at Howth and the first war news reporting by wireless by Times correspondents to London from the Russo-Japanese War 1904-1905. Archive material and photographs have been collected from many countries for this presentation, including England, the United States, Japan and Australia, the National Library and National Archives in Dublin. Please note that the Slide Show and Talk will commence sharply at 8.30 p.m. and all are welcome.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Group will take place on Wednesday the 25th of February 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social & Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All members are asked to attend and visitors are welcome.

The group are currently looking at the viability of organising a trip to one of the UK rallies later this year. Details of this will be planned at the next general meeting. So, if you are interested, please come along to the meeting on Wednesday, January 28th at 8.00 p.m. to register your interest. All are welcome!

The EI2WRC voice repeater is currently operational from Templetown Hill on the Hook Peninsula in South County Wexford on 145.650 MHz. Reports to EI8JA or via e-mail to repeaters@searg.com.

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